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August 17, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Speaker Pelosi,

I write to request your immediate prioritization of legislation to address the health and economic effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you know, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law with overwhelming bipartisan support on March 27, 2020, included emergency provisions and funding to address the health and well-being of the American public, businesses, and the workforce. Many of these important policies have since expired.

Unfortunately, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act passed by Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives on May 15, 2020 included blatantly political and partisan policies that failed to address the needs of families and small businesses during COVID-19. The House later adjourned on July 31, 2020 without further action.

I respectfully request you to allow the House to develop and vote on meaningful, bipartisan legislation addressing the pandemic. It is critical that this legislation be introduced and amended in committee rather than brought to the floor without input from the elected members of Congress. Furthermore, I am deeply concerned about the prioritization of the United States Postal Service (USPS) over the health of American citizens and our economy. While I do not oppose the inclusion of USPS in future COVID-19 legislation, Congress's highest priority must always be the safety of the American people.

I would appreciate your attention to the needs of Tennesseans and all Americans as we work to improve the health and economy of our nation.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett  
Member of Congress